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8. By way of follow up to conversations with Mr. John Merriam of his staff, I met with Senator Thomas Kuchel and discussed the Donovan / Pueblo matter. (See Memorandum for the Record for details.) We are to contact Donovan and be back in touch with Senator Kuchel.

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9. ( - GLC) Advised David Lovenheim, Administrative Assistant to Representative Frank Horton, that the Agency employee he had contacted us about has resigned from the Agency on his own initiative. Mr. Lovenheim appreciated our advising him of this in the event he should hear something about this situation in the future.

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10. Hand carried to Bill Darden, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, a letter from the Director to Senator Russell on the subject of Radio Liberty and Radio Free Europe.

Mr. Darden inquired into the situation in the House with respect to our retirement legislation. I told him that the House Committee had indicated that our bill would be the next item of business when the armed services military procurement bill is acted upon by the House. Darden said that if the House acts within a resonable period of time he believes the bill can be gotten through the Senate. We discussed the problems of updating retirement legislation generally and I pointed out that as Darden knew personnel legislation of this character requires periodic updating on a continuing basis and added that it will be necessary for us to approach our Committees next year on the other amendments which were dropped from the bill this year.

Darden and I discussed S. 1035 and the fact that Senator Ervin will be appearing before Mr. Henderson's House Subcommittee tomorrow. In discussing the Ervin problem, Darden said he regarded Senator Russell's recommendation to the Director that he contact Senator Ervin as an off hand suggestion and not as a firm instruction based on a thorough consideration of the problem. In this connection Darden recalled that both Senator Russell and Senator Stennis had absolutely no success in trying to approach Senator Ervin on this problem when the bill was up for consideration on the floor last year.

Mr. Darden recalled Senator Symington's request of a year ago for information concerning the following Soviet aircraft: the Bear, the Bison, the Badger and the Blinder. Darden said that Senator Russell had asked for similar information on the IL-28 including the date of the first prototype. Mr. Clarke provided this information to Darden directly later in the day.